

The following Paper is printed (tho' not published) to satisfy the malignant curiosity which some few persons have expressed to see it; not to molest an Administration whose wisdom has render'd the publication of it unnecessary.---The facts mentioned in it are all true, the inferences drawn from them are submitted to the reader. It was subscribed by many gentlemen much concerned in the country to which it relates, and many more were ready to lend their hands.---But this sheet being printed without the knowledge of any of them, it seems improper to add their names; as it is presumed that serving their country was more their motive, than gratifying their vanity.

TO HIS GRACE
THE
DUKE of NEWCASTLE,
ONE OF
HIS MAJESTY'S Principal SECRETARIES
of STATE, &c. &c. &c.

The REPRESENTATION of the underwritten Planters, Merchants, and Others, concerned and interested in the well Government of his MAJESTY'S Island of *JAMAICA*,

Most Humbly Sheweth,

THAT we are greatly alarmed at a piece of intelligence we have lately received, viz. That *Edward Trelawny, Esq;* his Majesty's Governor of that island, intending soon to return to *Great-Britain*, has set on foot a solicitation, or has obtained the effect of it, for a grant of the office of Lieutenant-Governor of that island, in case of his absence or death, to *Charles Price, Esq;*

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WHATEVER dissatisfaction we may have received from the government of the said *Edward Trelawny*, we at present chuse to suppress, in the hope of seeing him here to answer for himself; at which time it will be more laudable to offer our objections.

BUT we cannot, in justice to ourselves, to our fellow-subjects and countrymen residing in that island, or in duty to his Majesty, forbear stating our objections to the nomination of such a successor.

THE gentleman thus solicited for, or appointed, is the principal person to whose advice we attribute almost every *weak, irregular, and arbitrary* action of the said *Edward Trelawny* during his government.

HE is a person of no abilities or experience, having neither been educated in the *law, army, or merchandize*; and having no opportunities to make himself acquainted with any of the qualifications necessary for governing a free people.

HE must, as he never had the honour of being of his Majesty's council of that island, be ignorant of even the forms which are used in carrying on the business of that government; which ignorance, added to his *arbitrary* disposition, must lead him and his managers into numberless blunders, in regard to the internal œconomy thereof. Add to this, the indignity done to his Majesty's council there, to one of whom such power would devolve of course, and who therefore might in general be irritated to throw up his Majesty's service, on seeing a precedent, the first that was ever made, of the government's falling to the share of a person resident in that island, who was not one of that honourable board.

WE tremble at the prospect of seeing a gentleman presiding in a court of Chancery, in whose conduct we have hitherto seen but little regard to equity or law; and a person lying under the burthen of such debts, as must render him a very precarious arbiter of property; he being now, or very lately, to the knowledge of several of us, chargeable, in law or equity, with debts and demands of his own contracting or engaging for, to the amount of forty thousand pounds or upwards.

WE say nothing of the general safety of the island from foreign foes, while in such inexpert hands, especially at a time when the island is divided and distracted with private animosities and party-distinctions, chiefly occasioned by him; because we presume your Grace has that always in your thoughts, and know much better from whence its dangers may arise, and how they may be warded against, than we can suggest.

BUT, my Lord, we have two reasons for thus laying our thoughts on this occasion before your Grace; the *One* is, that natural care which we owe to ourselves and families, of our fortunes and properties in that island, for which we have great apprehensions, under the *uncontroulable* direction of such a person. The *Other* is, that we think it our duty to apprise your Grace of the deceit put, or intended to be put upon his Majesty, by the solicitation for that

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that gentleman; not doubting but your Grace, in support of your character of a faithful counsellor, which you have always preserved, will lay the same before his Majesty, in order to prevent the disgrace that may fall upon his Majesty's administration, by placing so high a trust in such unworthy hands.

WE cannot avoid acting upon these two reasons, without submitting to the reproach, which we would most of all others avoid, of being either bad men or bad subjects.

WE have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

My LORD,

Your GRACE'S

Most Obedient and

Most Humble Servants.

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